

**REMARKS**

Claims 1 – 24, 26 – 40, 42 – 55, 57 – 81 and 83 – 88 are unchanged and remain pending in the present application. Claims 25, 41, 56 and 82 have been cancelled.

The English translation of PCT/JP2004/003301 is submitted concurrently with this Preliminary Amendment. Basis for the amendments can be found throughout the specification, claims and drawings as originally filed. No new matter has been added. Applicants believe that the amended claims do not go beyond the disclosure of the application as filed. Prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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